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SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REFS: A) USBERLIN 11; B) USBERLIN 35

1. SOVIET MIG FLEW IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PAN AM FLIGHT
MARCH 17 IN SOUTH CORRIDOR IN VIOLATION OF QUADRIPARTITELY-
AGREED FLIGHT RULES. AREA IN QUESTION WAS IDENTICAL TO
THAT IN WHICH DECEMBER 23, 1974 INCIDENT OCCURRED
(REFTELS). MATTER WAS CALLED INFORMALLY TO SOVIET
CONTROLLER'S ATTENTION IN BASC BY US ELEMENT BEFORE PAN
AM FLIGHT LANDED, BUT ALLIES AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HAVE US CHIEF CONTROLLER MAKE MORE FORMAL STATEMENT.

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FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ACCORDINGLY MADE TO SOVIET CHIEF

CONTROLLER MARCH 19.

BEGIN TEXT ON MARCH 17 AT 1620 LOCAL TIME A MIG-TYPE AIRCRAFT WITH SOVIET MARKINGS FLEW IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS, FROM A PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT, NUMBER 692, FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES. THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT WAS FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY THE LARGE NUMERALS 41. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE THE PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WAS ON COURSE IN THE SOUTH CORRIDOR AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES FROM BERLIN AND ON A PROPERLY FILED FLIGHT PLAN WHICH HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE SOVIET ELEMENT IN THE BASC IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.

SUCH INCIDENTS ARE A CAUSE OF CONCERN TO OUR AUTHORITIES WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH AIR SAFETY. THIS INCIDENT IS A VIOLATION OF THE FOUR-POWER FLIGHT RULES FOR AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE AIR CORRIDORS IN THAT IT VIOLATES THE RULES REGARDING RECKLESS FLYING, COLLISION HAZARDS, FORMATION FLYING, PROXIMITY OF AIRCRAFT, AND CORRIDOR CROSSING PROCEDURES.

THE US AUTHORITIES HOLD THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE AGREED RULES OF FLIGHT BY ALL AIRCRAFT UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION AND REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS NO REPETITION OF SUCH INCIDENTS. YOUR ATTENTION IS ALSO CALLED TO OUR ORAL STATEMENT OF 3 JANUARY 1975 REGARDING A SIMILAR INCIDENT IN THE SAME AREA OF THE SOUTH CORRIDOR.

THE BRITISH AND FRENCH CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THIS STATEMENT. END TEXT.

2. SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER ACCEPT STATEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE IT TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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